

The Presbyterian Church at Tenaflly



For Every Heart a Home

**October 26th, 2025
21st Sunday of Pentecost at 10:30am**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie
Liturgist: Chris Young
Ushers: Howard and Noelle Bryson
Coffee Hour: Mary Jane Eimer

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Please join us for coffee hour in the Church House after the service. Church School for children happens during the 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



Prelude

Welcome, Sharing the Peace and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

*** Hymn 401**

Here in This Place

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Kyrie Eleison
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Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Choir Anthem

What a Wonderful World (Armstrong/Weiss)

Reading

Joel 2:23-32

Liturgist

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

***Hymn (Psalm 65)**

The Earth is Yours, O God (see page 5)

Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Liturgist

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God,

I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

***Hymn 649**

Amazing Grace

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts , during which we hear Ann Van Cleave, Jim Millar and Noelle Perrin in *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* by Keith and Kristyn Getty

If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!

GENERAL OFFERING



***Doxology**

Dedication Prayer

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession during which we sing, *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (see page 6)

***Hymn 367**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Benediction with Sung Celtic Amen**

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

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Postlude

***Those who are able, please stand**

65A The Earth Is Yours, O God

The musical score is written for a vocal part and guitar accompaniment. It is in the key of E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line with four verses of lyrics and a guitar line with chords. The second system continues the vocal line with more lyrics and the guitar line with further chords. The guitar chords are indicated by letters above the staff, and the vocal line is written on a treble clef staff.

Chords: E^b, B^b, E^b, A^b, E^b/G, E^b/B^b, B^b, E^b, F^m, E^b/G, A^b, E^b/G, A^b, E^b/B^b, B^b, E^b.

Verses:

- 1 The earth is yours, O God you nour-ish it with rain;
- 2 The soil is yours, O God the shoots are moist with dew;
- 3 The hills are yours, O God their grass is lush and green,
- 4 The whole rich land is yours for fod - der or for plow:

Lyrics:

the streams and riv - ers o - ver - flow, the land bears seed a - gain.
 and rip - ened by the burn - ing sun the grain grows straight and true.
 pro - vid - ing pas - tures for the flocks which ev - ery - where are seen.
 and so, for rain, sun, soil and seed, O God, we thank you now!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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The Lord Is My Song

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
 all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
 Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Announcements

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am Communion in the Chapel with band (30 minutes)

10am Coffee Hour in the Church House

10:30am Communion in the Sanctuary with choir (one hour)

11:30am Coffee Hour in the Church House

THIS AFTERNOON - Meet the Artist Gwyneth Leech at 4pm in the Church House. This NYC based artist joins us to speak about and show her paintings which capture the drama of the city. She will also reflect on her murals that transformed the previously gloomy interior of St. Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow, Scotland in the 1990's.

Tenafly Community Choir - First rehearsal is **this Tuesday**, October 28th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The doors are open for ANYONE who enjoys singing, regardless of faith tradition or where they live, to come and enjoy learning great Christmas music, sacred and secular, with a really inspiring choir director. Pass on the invitation to anyone you know who sings and might be up for it! Any queries contact Jim Millar at dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org

Adventures in Faith meets Wednesday at 12 noon in the church house. Everyone is welcome. Bring your lunch if you like, drinks and treats provided. This week we'll discuss the theme of "Grace".

Sanctuary Space will be **this Thursday** evening, October 30th. Come and go as is helpful to you between 7-9pm. Let the pressures of life melt away as you connect with essence in the calm and beautiful candlelit main Sanctuary. Open to all faiths and none. Invite someone to come for this special and uncomplicated time!

The Soup Squad. We are asking all soup makers to share a container of their home-made soup. Pastor Martin and the Deacons use the soup when visiting members of our congregation; It's a wonderful way to nurture members of our church family. Please arrange with Nancy in the office to drop off donations and help with labeling, the type of soup and the ingredients are needed. Meat-based, vegetarian, and vegan soups are welcome. Many thanks for sharing your culinary skills and being a member of the Soup Squad!

A Time to Remember Sunday, November 2nd at 4:30pm in the Chapel. A gentle hour of remembering and giving thanks for those we have loved and lost with music, words and

creativity. Please send in the names of loved ones to be remembered to Pastor Martin or the church office by October 31st.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday November 9th, 2025: Notice is given that there will be a congregational meeting for the sole purpose of electing the Nominating Committee on Sunday November 9th in the Sanctuary following the 10.30am Joint Intergenerational Service.

Emmie Parsell's 104th birthday! On November 9th, everyone is welcome to come join in celebrating Emmie's birthday at worship and at a special coffee hour with birthday cake in the Church House following our congregational meeting.

Movie Night. *How to Train Your Dragon* with pizza and popcorn for kids 3 years to 5th grade. Saturday, November 15th from 4-6pm in the Church House. Free admission. RSVP by Nov. 11th at (201) 567-0111

The Presby Readers will be meeting Sunday, December 7th at 4pm at Viki Shima's home. We picked a "short" book this go round. Join us to discuss Peter Bringley's, *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me*. Come with a few discussion points and book suggestions for the new year!

Regular Groups at PCAT

GROUP	WHEN	CONTACT
AA (Morning Glory)	Saturdays 10:30am JHH	Jay McSherry JayMcSherry@earthlink.net
Adventures in Faith	Wednesday 12pm Church House	Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Wednesdays 3pm Room 203	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Choir	Sundays 9am	Jim Millar Dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org
Church School and Childcare	Sundays 10:30am	Sherrie Reilley reilleysherrie@gmail.com
Cro-Knitters	Tuesdays 2pm-4pm Lounge	Joan Roselle (201) 569-3819
English Second Language (ESL)	Tuesdays 10am-12pm Church House	Jun Motai Motaicoaching@gmail.com
Mommy/Daddy/and Me		Christina Chan Shanghai68@gmail.com

PresbyReaders	Meets monthly (Sundays at 4pm)	Mary Jane Eimer mjeimer@aol.com
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Men's Group		Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com or Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com



MEET THE ARTIST

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Gwyneth Leech

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Free Admission

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Tenaflly Community Choir

with Orchestra

Christmas Program 2025

*A celebration of seasonal music,
sacred and secular*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT TENAFLY
and our Director of Music, Jim Millar
are throwing open our doors once again with an
invitation to take part in a community choir and
orchestra project this fall.



REHEARSALS: TUESDAY EVENINGS IN THE SANCTUARY
STARTING OCTOBER 28TH 7-9PM
55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, TENAFLY

CONCERT DATE: DECEMBER 14TH AT 7PM

If you are a singer, age 14 and up, please get in touch
with our Director of Music, Jim Millar
to register your interest or for any questions.
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